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1. [] SAW [] AGAIN 12 MAY. FOLLOWING IS EXACT SEQUENCE OF EVENTS AND SOURCE'S ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS WHICH WERE NOT PUT DIRECTLY BUT BROUGHT OUT IN THOROUGH DISCUSSION PROPOSAL.

2. GROUP WHICH ORBAN REPRESENTS IS BAJTARSI SZOVETSEG (ASSOCIATION OF COMRADES) HEADED BY ZAKO NOT BY NAGY. SECOND IN COMMAND IS KORPONAI INNSBRUCK FORMER GENERAL STAFF OFFICER WITH ABWEHR-ABTEILUNG K. SOURCE AND BARCZA GOING SALZBURG MEET LATTER. SOURCE EXPLAINED THAT ORBAN ASKED HIM GIVE ORGANIZATIONAL MORAL (AND PERHAPS FINANCIAL) SUPPORT WHEREUPON SOURCE SUGGESTED HAVE BARCZA AS COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT EXILE WITH HIGH INTEGRITY LOOK INTO PROPOSITION BEFORE COMMITTING HIMSELF. ACCORDING SOURCE THERE NO QUESTION OF LOOKING FOR FIGUREHEAD. IT IS SOURCE'S IDEA ATTEMPT COMBINE ALL HUNGARIAN EXILE EFFORTS THEREBY AVOIDING DUPLICATION AND BELIEVES BARCZA ENJOYS SO MUCH RESPECT THAT VARIOUS ELEMENTS

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WILL BE WILLING GIVE HIM FULL INFO. SOURCE STATES KNOWS NO FOREIGN INTELL AFFILIATIONS OF ZAKO GROUP BUT BELIEVES NAGY DOES DEAL WITH AMERICANS. SINCE SOURCE CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY OUT EMIGRE PICTURE FOR YEARS POSSIBILITY EXISTS HE UNAWARE PRESENT RAMIFICATIONS.

3. ZURICH CANTONAL POLICE PROTECTION REFERS ARRANGEMENT ORBAN HAS WITH FORMER WHEREBY HUNGARIAN REFUGEES AUSTRIA PERMITTED GO ZURICH FOR SEVERAL DAYS OCCASIONALLY ON ONE XAY/^(SIC)ON ONE GREY? ON GREY?) BORDER CROSSING PERMIT. ORBAN APPARENTLY ENJOYS LONG STANDING COLLABORATION WITH POLICE WHOM HE GIVES INFO OCCASIONALLY.

4. FUND WHICH BARCZA ADMINISTERS IS FORMER DISCRETIONARY FUND PUT AT DISPOSAL KALLAY WHEN LATTER PRIME MINISTER IN 1941. BOTH KALLAY AND HORTHY APPROVED BARCZA'S TAKING POSSESSION OF IT IN SUISSE 1941 WHEN LAT ER RESIGNED. THIS HAS NOTHING DO WITH ABOUT 6 MILLION SWISS FRANCS OWNED BY HUNGARIAN GOVT OF WHICH 2 MILLION RETURNED TO LATTER AFTER BUNDESGERECHT DECISION. LATTER FUND ADMINISTERED BY RADVANSKY (ALSO RECD: RANVANSKY) ET AL.

5. WE URGED SOURCE FIND OUT ALL DETAILS ABOUT COMPOSITION GROUP, POTENTIAL BOTH IN COMMO AND INTELL GATHERING, CONTACTS WITHIN

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THEY OPERATING ON ETC. SOURCE EXPECTS RETURN SUISSE FIRST WEEK
JUNE AND WILL CONTACT US. ADVISE WHETHER YOU WANT US CONTINUE
DISCUSSIONS.

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6. WE WASH 2158 PARA 3. ☒ ☐ STILL CARRIES HUNGARIAN
PASSPORT ILLEGALLY PROLONGED BUT HOPES RECEIVE SWISS FREMDENPASS
SOON.

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